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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Number: EPA-HQ-2014-001795

Dear Ms. Wolk:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 11, 2013, requesting "all peer review comments, correspondence, and emails from and among the EPA (including but not limited to the National Center for Environmental Assessment), the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Toxicology Program, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the Alaska Department of Conservation, relating to the January 30, 2012 study entitled Provisional Peer-Reviewed Toxicity Values for Sulfolane (CSRN 126-33-0), prepared by the Superfund Health Risk Technical Support Center, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati, OH 45268." This is a transfer from the CDC/ATSDR for a determination of releasable information provided by them to EPA.

The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) has been assigned the lead to respond to your FOIA request within the Office of Research and Development (ORD). Attached you will find the list of records, as well as the documents related to your request. Emails/attachments are being withheld because they are pre-decisional and deliberative process privileged and therefore exempt under Exemption 5 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(5) (2006).

This completes EPA's response to your request. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.A. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only) Fax (202) 566-2147, E-mail <a href="mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov">hq.foia@epa.gov</a> or via FOIA online:

https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30-calendar day limit. The

appeal letter should include the case identification: EPA-HQ-2014-001795. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Resources Management and Administration

Attachments